

the survivor's annuity she deserves. It is because of these extreme circumstances that relief through private legislation is necessary. Therefore, I commend my colleagues for supporting this bill and providing Mrs. Hairston with an opportunity to appeal the denial of her survivor's annuity.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This concludes the call of the Private Calendar.

CALL OF THE HOUSE

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Madam Speaker, I move a call of the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. SENSENBRENNER) for the purpose of moving a call of all the House under clause 6(e) of rule XV.

A call of the House was ordered.

The call was taken by electronic device, and the following Members responded to their names:

[Roll No. 99]

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—389

Abercrombie	Coburn	Frost
Aderholt	Collins	Furse
Allen	Combust	Galleghy
Andrews	Condit	Ganske
Arney	Conyers	Gejdenson
Bachus	Cook	Gekas
Baesler	Cooksey	Gephardt
Baker	Costello	Gibbons
Baldacci	Cox	Gilchrest
Ballenger	Coyne	Gillmor
Barcia	Cramer	Gilman
Barr	Crane	Goode
Barrett (NE)	Crapo	Goodlatte
Barrett (WI)	Cubin	Goodling
Bartlett	Cummings	Gordon
Barton	Cunningham	Goss
Bass	Davis (FL)	Graham
Becerra	Davis (IL)	Granger
Bentsen	Davis (VA)	Green
Bereuter	Deal	Gutierrez
Berry	DeFazio	Gutknecht
Bilbray	DeGette	Hall (OH)
Bilirakis	Delahunt	Hall (TX)
Bishop	DeLauro	Hamilton
Blagojevich	DeLay	Hansen
Bliley	Deutsch	Harman
Blumenauer	Diaz-Balart	Hastert
Blunt	Dickey	Hastings (FL)
Boehlert	Dicks	Hastings (WA)
Boehner	Dingell	Hayworth
Bonilla	Doggett	Hefley
Bonior	Dooley	Herger
Borski	Doolittle	Hill
Boswell	Doyle	Hilleary
Boucher	Dreier	Hilliard
Boyd	Duncan	Hinchey
Brady	Dunn	Hinojosa
Brown (FL)	Edwards	Hobson
Brown (OH)	Ehlers	Hoekstra
Bryant	Ehrlich	Holden
Bunning	Emerson	Hoolley
Burr	Engel	Horn
Burton	English	Hostettler
Buyer	Ensign	Houghton
Callahan	Eshoo	Hoyer
Calvert	Etheridge	Hulshof
Camp	Evans	Hunter
Campbell	Everett	Hutchinson
Canady	Ewing	Hyde
Capps	Farr	Jackson (IL)
Cardin	Fattah	Jackson-Lee
Carson	Fazio	(TX)
Castle	Filner	Jefferson
Chabot	Foley	Jenkins
Chenoweth	Forbes	Johnson (CT)
Clay	Fossella	Johnson (WI)
Clayton	Fowler	Johnson, E. B.
Clement	Fox	Johnson, Sam
Clyburn	Franks (NJ)	Jones
Coble	Frelinghuysen	Kanjorski

Kaptur	Morella	Serrano
Kasich	Myrick	Sessions
Kelly	Nadler	Shadegg
Kennedy (RI)	Neal	Shaw
Kennelly	Nethercutt	Shays
Kildee	Neumann	Sherman
Kilpatrick	Ney	Shimkus
Kim	Northup	Shuster
Kind (WI)	Norwood	Sisisky
King (NY)	Nussle	Skaggs
Kingston	Oberstar	Skeen
Klecza	Obey	Skelton
Klink	Olver	Slaughter
Klug	Ortiz	Smith (MI)
Knollenberg	Oxley	Smith (NJ)
Kolbe	Packard	Smith (TX)
Kucinich	Pallone	Smith, Adam
LaFalce	Pappas	Smith, Linda
LaHood	Parker	Snowbarger
Lampson	Pascrell	Snyder
Lantos	Pastor	Solomon
Largent	Paul	Souder
Latham	Payne	Spence
Lazio	Pease	Stabenow
Leach	Pelosi	Stearns
Levin	Peterson (MN)	Stenholm
Lewis (CA)	Peterson (PA)	Stokes
Lewis (KY)	Petri	Strickland
Linder	Pickering	Stump
Lipinski	Pickett	Stupak
Livingston	Pitts	Sununu
LoBiondo	Pombo	Talent
Lofgren	Pomeroy	Tanner
Lowe	Porter	Tauscher
Lucas	Portman	Tauzin
Luther	Poshard	Taylor (MS)
Maloney (CT)	Pryce (OH)	Taylor (NC)
Manton	Quinn	Thomas
Manzullo	Radanovich	Thompson
Markey	Rahall	Thornberry
Martinez	Ramstad	Thune
Mascara	Rangel	Thurman
McCarthy (MO)	Redmond	Tiahrt
McCarthy (NY)	Regula	Torres
McCollum	Reyes	Trafficant
McCrery	Riley	Turner
McDermott	Rivers	Upton
McGovern	Rodriguez	Velazquez
McHale	Roemer	Vento
McHugh	Rogan	Visclosky
McInnis	Rogers	Walsh
McIntosh	Rohrabacher	Wamp
McIntyre	Ros-Lehtinen	Waters
McKeon	Rothman	Watt (NC)
McKinney	Roukema	Watts (OK)
McNulty	Roybal-Allard	Waxman
Meek (FL)	Royce	Weldon (FL)
Meeks (NY)	Ryun	Weldon (PA)
Menendez	Sabo	Weller
Metcalf	Salmon	Wexler
Mica	Sanchez	Weygand
Millender-	Sanders	White
McDonald	Sandlin	Whitfield
Miller (CA)	Sanford	Wicker
Miller (FL)	Sawyer	Wolf
Minge	Saxton	Woolsey
Mink	Schaefer, Dan	Wynn
Moakley	Schaffer, Bob	Yates
Mollohan	Schumer	Young (AK)
Moran (KS)	Scott	
Moran (VA)	Sensenbrenner	

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The SPEAKER. On this rollcall, 389 Members have recorded their presence by electronic device, a quorum.

Under the rule, further proceedings under the call are dispensed with.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The Speaker laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,

Washington, DC, April 15, 1998.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of the original Certificate of Election received from the Honor-

able Bill Jones, Secretary of State, State of California, indicating that, according to the semi-official canvas of votes cast in the Special Primary held April 7, 1998, the Honorable Mary Bono was elected Representative in Congress for the Forty-fourth Congressional District, State of California.

With warm regards,

ROBIN H. CARLE,
Clerk.

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ROBIN H. CARLE,
Clerk.

SWEARING IN OF THE HONORABLE MARY BONO AND THE HONORABLE BARBARA LEE OF CALIFORNIA AS MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER. The Members-elect will come forward, accompanied by the California delegation, and raise their right hands.

Mrs. Bono and Ms. Lee of California appeared at the bar of the House and took the oath of office as follows:

Do you solemnly swear that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you will take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion, and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are about to enter. So help you God.

The SPEAKER. Congratulations. You are a Member of the House of Representatives.

INTRODUCTION OF HON. MARY BONO OF CALIFORNIA TO THE HOUSE

(Mr. LEWIS of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take just a moment of our time today to introduce a friend to all of my colleagues. Her name is MARY. It used to be Mary Whitaker. Then she met a guy named Sonny, and after a short time he convinced her to change her name to Bono.

I want you to know, MARY, that all of us in this Chamber loved and admired Sonny. Of course, we still do; and, like you, we miss him dearly. But today we are here as a family to say welcome to you and to Chesare and Chianna and to all the other little Whitakers who are here.

MARY, after winning a stunning victory on April 7, you have earned your own place in Congress. We know that you will bring a strong voice, a woman's voice, to your job. Every bit as important to me, you will bring a mother's voice to the House.

The citizens of California's 44th congressional district are fortunate to have you as their voice in Congress. They are lucky to have you on their side.

MARY, just one last thought from this friend. Sonny would be so very proud of you today. I know in my heart that he is looking down upon us at this moment and he is smiling. So, MARY, it is my privilege to say to my colleagues, welcome to Congresswoman MARY BONO.

COMMON SENSE APPROACH TO SERVING PEOPLE OF THIS NATION

(Mrs. BONO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. BONO. Mr. Speaker, I want first to express thanks to my wonderful family for being with me on this special day. It is an honor and a privilege to share this moment with my mother and father, Karen and Clay Whitaker, my children Chianna and Chesare, my godson William Rodriguez, and all the other members of my family, along with the many friends and staff who are here today. Your help and support have made this possible.

However, one person who is not with us today is very much in my thoughts and always in my heart. His wisdom and his guidance helped me prepare for the difficult road I have traveled, and his spirit is giving me the strength to meet the many challenges that lie before me.

Sonny was an incredible force in my life, and many of you who served with him will recall the impact he had on everyone who met him. I want to thank each of you and the thousands of people from around the world who expressed their sympathy and love on his passing for your generous words of tribute and praise.

As I stand here in the people's House, I understand why this Chamber held so much meaning for my late husband. More than any of his other accomplishments, and there were many, Sonny's service to the people of California's 44th district was his proudest achievement. I will do my best to live up to the legacy that he has left and continue to bring his common sense approach to serving the people of this great Nation.

Over the past few months, I have come to know well the people of the

44th district. It has been a privilege to share time with them, to listen to their concerns and to their dreams. I understand what it is like to be a single mother trying her best to raise young children in a difficult situation. I am concerned that we need to do more to provide our youth with an education that offers them hope for the future.

I have heard from senior citizens and veterans who served our country and are now in need of our support. I have witnessed firsthand the challenges facing our law enforcement, especially in their war against drugs and gang violence. And I have been inspired by the hundreds of people in our community who daily make a difference, asking for no recognition, just a little help.

I believe that the people of the 44th district sent me to Congress for much the same reason that they sent Sonny, because they knew they could trust me to do the very best I could do. While I have much to learn, I know if I serve honestly and honorably, I will fulfill that trust.

There are many difficult and complex issues facing our Nation, and there are very few simple solutions. However, every child knows that you cannot spend more than you have. We must continue to show fiscal responsibility in our Nation's budget. Tax reform needs to be enacted to provide relief to individuals and small businesses. And it is imperative that we maintain a strong national defense, for without it there will be no peace.

I do not come before you today with solutions, only resolve. It is my great honor to have this opportunity to serve, and I thank from the bottom of my heart all the voters from the 44th District of California. Thank you, and God bless.

INTRODUCTION OF HON. BARBARA LEE OF CALIFORNIA TO THE HOUSE

(Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to introduce a friend and now a new colleague, BARBARA LEE, as the new representative of California's 9th Congressional District.

Congratulations, BARBARA. And we are all delighted to welcome you to Congress. BARBARA, of course, is not unfamiliar with this Chamber or these halls. Her years of dedicated service to the people of California's 9th Congressional District began with her service as the senior adviser and also as chief of staff of our former colleague and dear friend, Ron Dellums.

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Although we will miss you, Ron, we know that BARBARA is well prepared to step into your shoes and to blaze new trails of her own.

BARBARA is and will continue to be an effective representative for her constituents. In the 7 years that she served

in California State legislature, 67 of her bills and resolutions were signed by the Governor, impacting a broad spectrum of community concerns; including public safety, education, environmental protections, labor, health, and women's and children's issues.

I was privileged to work with BARBARA in the California State Assembly from 1990 to 1992. More recently, I had the pleasure of working with BARBARA on Team California, our delegation's State/Federal working group.

Through my work with BARBARA, I know her to be an energetic and extremely effective and dedicated advocate for her community, and an enthusiastic and prolific legislator.

BARBARA is a staunch advocate for job creation and economic development because she recognizes the positive impact that jobs have on the community's quality of life. In the same vein, BARBARA has worked with Federal, State, and local governments to create local and economic community development at decommissioned military bases.

BARBARA has also been committed to developing closer economic, political, and cultural ties between the State of California and Africa; a role that she will no doubt continue and expand upon when she is here in Congress.

It is worth noting that, with BARBARA's election, a record 12 out of California's 29 Democratic House Members are female. Now, this number is especially significant when you consider that it was a mere 10 years ago that there were only 12 Democratic women in the entire Congress.

Welcome, BARBARA. I know that you will have a productive and a distinguished career in Congress. We look forward to working with you on behalf of the State of California and the Nation as a whole. So please join me in welcoming Congresswoman BARBARA LEE.

ACCEPTING THE CHALLENGE TO CONTINUE TO BE A LONG-DISTANCE RUNNER FOR ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, AND POLITICAL JUSTICE

(Ms. LEE of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, first, to Congresswoman LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD, to Mr. GEPHARDT, Mr. BONIOR, to the entire California delegation, to all of the Members of this great institution, I am grateful for your support and for your leadership as we move into the next millennium.

I would like to pay special recognition, first, to my family; to my mother, Mildred Massey; and to my father, Garvin Tutt; and to all of my family for their consistent support and their love. They instilled in me at an early age a deep sense of passion for justice. And I am extremely grateful to each and every one of my family members. And I want to take this opportunity to publicly tell them that I love you very, very much.